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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS INCLUDE TRIBAL MEMBERS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COUNCILS

Char-Koosta News

HELENA — Governor Brian Schweitzer on September 17 announced appointments to various boards and councils including the appointment of CSKT Chairman, James Steele, Jr. and St. Ignatius Tribal Council Representative Joe Durglo.

FAMILY BEAR TRAP PROTECTS PEOPLE AND BEARS

Char-Koosta News

PABLO — The Tribal Wildlife Management Program recently acquired an aluminum family group bear trap with funding assistance from a Tribal Wildlife Grant. The Tribal Wildlife Grant Program is a program administered by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to give support to Native American tribes for wildlife management.



Gotta' keep the family together: this bear trap allows sow and cubs to be trapped together, potentially reducing the need to tranquilize the youngsters that may do more harm to them than good. (courtesy photo)

HEART OF THE BITTERROOT NOMINATED FOR A NATIVE AMERICAN MUSIC AWARD

Char-Koosta News

PABLO — The "Heart of the Bitterroot" CD has been nominated for a Native American Music award, otherwise known as a Nammy, in the Best Compilation category. The public has the opportunity, until **Saturday, October 4**, to vote for the CD, along with other nominated groups, artists and more.

CULTIVATING KNOWLEDGE ON THE FLATHEAD RESERVATION: COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING

Char-Koosta News

What is mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) and how does it affect me as cattle producer? John Patterson, MSU Extension Beef Specialist, has provided some beneficial information for producers.

SENATORS TO CONSIDER WAR HONORS FOR INDIANS

By Chris Casteel Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The House voted Thursday to award the Congressional Gold Medal to all the American Indian "code talkers" who served in the nation's armed services during World Wars I and II.

Authored by [Rep. Dan Boren, D-Muskogee](#), the bill, passed by a voice vote and now goes to the Senate. [Sen. Jim Inhofe, R-Tulsa](#), is expected to push for quick passage.

92-YEAR-OLD DECIDES IT'S TIME TO VOTE

Missoulain



Agnes "Oshanee" Kenmille has lived through the terms of 16 American presidents but, at the age of 92, has registered to vote for the first time in her life.

PABLO - A lifetime holds countless firsts - first words, first steps, first day of school - and at the age of 92, Agnes "Oshanee" Kenmille is still breaking new ground. For the first time in her life, she has registered to vote.

FORT SMITH RESIDENTS WORRY ABOUT RISING CRIME, LACK OF POLICE

The Gazette

FORT SMITH - Residents of this unincorporated town on the Bighorn River say they are dealing with a dangerous situation - an increase in crime and an absence of law enforcement.

NATIVE ELDER SHOULD JOIN RANKS OF NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS

Column by Jodi Rave - 09/26/08

OSLO, Norway — On a recent trip to Norway, some fellow journalists and I kept driving past the Nobel Peace Center in the central part of Oslo as we made our way between museums and restaurants.

I thought of the incredible men and women who have been bestowed the Nobel Peace Prize, including Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela and Mother Theresa. Those names have become household words.

While this year's nomination period has come and gone, another name may soon likely join their ranks — Oren Lyons.

TRIBES SEEK YELLOWSTONE BISON ANIMALS QUARANTINED TO ENSURE THEY ARE FREE OF DISEASE

Associated Press

Five American Indian groups from Montana, Wyoming and South Dakota are in the running to receive a small herd of bison spared from a capture and slaughter program at Yellowstone National Park.

CHIPPEWA CREE COURTS GET \$800,000 FOR THREE PROGRAMS

Great Falls Tribune

The Chippewa Cree Tribe's court system has received three grants to help address substance abuse and tribal justice problems on the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation.

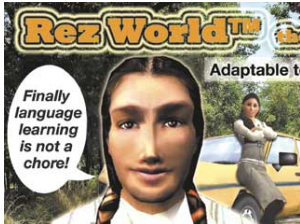
RDI PARTNERS WITH MT EITC COALITION

Rural Dynamics has recently partnered with organizations from across the state to form the Montana EITC Coalition. The coalition is intent on promoting the benefits of a state-wide Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), a legislative initiative which will be introduced during the upcoming 2009 legislative session. The bill would propose a state EITC, set at a percentage of the federal EITC, which would supplement the wages of working families and stimulate economic development throughout Montana.

IMMERSIVE VIDEO GAME AIMS TO REVITALIZE AMERICAN INDIAN LANGUAGES

Indian Country Today

WASHINGTON – Indian kids will soon have a Super Mario-like character of their own to guide through an array of digital puzzles and game landscapes. But instead of a character who looks like the mustached Italian plumber, made popular from appearances in dozens of Nintendo offerings, a new video game created by a Native-owned company will feature tribal characters speaking a variety of Indian languages.



SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RECEIVES GRANT TO HIRE TWO DEPUTIES

By Wayne Dusterhoff, Glacier County Sheriff

The Glacier County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) is receiving a Universal Hiring Grant for two deputies. The grant was listed through the United States Department of Justice for \$121,768.

REACHING OUT

Montana Standard

Debbie Tatsey envisions a community center involved in the lives of every American Indian living in Butte. Now, she just has to locate them all.

An enrolled Blackfeet tribal member from Browning, Tatsey has been hired as a part-time community organizer for the North American Indian Alliance in Butte.

AWARD-WINNING TRIBAL ONE-STOP FEARS DISRUPTION OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Submitted By T.J. Show, BTBC Tribal Secretary

The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council Executive Committee recently traveled to Washington, D.C. and spent several days meeting with the Montana Congressional Delegation and other Congressional offices in an attempt to resolve problems caused by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), which appear to be aimed at destroying the very successful and highly rated consolidation of Tribal employment, training, education and public assistance programs under the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992, P.L. 102-477.

TRIBAL HEALTH TO OFFER SERVICES AT HEART BUTTE HEALTH CLINIC

Glacier Reporter

The Blackfeet Tribal health department will begin offering services at the Heart Butte Health Clinic Oct. 1. This will be in conjunction with services provided by the Indian Health Service (IHS) at Blackfeet Community Hospital.

SECOND ANNUAL STICKGAME TOURNNEY BUILDS STUDENTS' CONFIDENCE AND OFFERS OPPORTUNITY TO USE LANGUAGE

Glacier Reporter

While it's been two years since the first "annual" stickgame tournament was held between the Native language immersion schools of Ft. Belknap and Browning, the tourney held Wednesday, Sept. 17, was still called the "second annual" event. "We were supposed to go to Ft. Belknap last year, but we didn't make it," said Joycelyn DesRosier of the Cuts Wood School, explaining the Gros Ventre's second arrival in Blackfeet Country.

NEW FIRE TRUCK ARRIVES!

Glacier Reporter

The Browning Volunteer Fire Department took delivery of a new 2,000 gallon pumper fire truck Monday, Sept. 22.



Seen with the new truck are (from left) Cameron Boggs, Robert Wild Gun, Cole Edwards, Mike Connelly Sr., Preston Connelly, Dustin Boggs, Steve After Buffalo, Carl Arnoux and (front) Mike Connelly Jr.

Photo by Nikolle Dorsey

HAIL DAMAGE IN MILLIONS, LOCAL INSURER REPORTS

Bighorn County News

Area grain and sugar beet growers insured with Reisig Agency in Big Horn County lost \$2.5 million and \$1 million, respectively, to hail damage this growing season.

CROW ELEMENTARY DESIGNS TRAVELING CULTURAL TRUNK

Big Horn County News

The school's character education coordinator, Jonathan Lawton said, "Community members came to the school and showed the kids how to make many of the items contained in the trunk."



Crow elementary teacher John Lawton is pictured with student-made items that will be displayed in the traveling trunk.

The trunk features a student-made elk tooth dress, war bonnet, shawl, a 14-foot teepee cover, vest, buffalo hide and drum, as well as educational material explaining the items. Also included are CD's featuring Crow songs.

KGVA STREAMING ONLINE

Fort Belknap College

KGVA Radio Station licensed through the Fort Belknap College is now streaming on the Internet. KGVA recently engaged in Broadcast Streaming on-line. You can access KGVA's on-line broadcast by going to our website www.kgvafm.com and clicking the "LISTEN LIVE" button in the upper right hand corner. KGVA will be streaming on limited hours during the day for the next few weeks on a trial basis. We hope to increase hours weekly and provide quality programming to our listeners with a full day of streaming on-line.

We encourage you to help get the word out to friends and relatives living outside our listening area of our additional broadcast service. Keep checking our website www.kgvafm.com for updates on our broadcast schedule and on-line broadcast times. We also encourage feedback on the broadcast stream to better serve those tuning in on the Internet by leaving a comment on our website.

Comments can also be submitted directly via email kgvaradio@yahoo.com.

EMPLOYMENT



WATERSHED HYDROLOGIST AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

The Department of Geosciences, at the University of Montana, invites applications for a tenure-track **Assistant Professor position in Watershed Hydrology** beginning in August 2009. We seek a scientist focusing on physical processes affecting watersheds at multiple scales, including specific expertise focusing on physical, geomorphic, spatial/temporal scaling and mathematical characterization of physical hydrologic processes. The position is open until filled, but review of applications will begin by November 15, 2008; all materials should be filed by that date.

The College of Technology of The University of Montana invites applications for two tenure track, academic year positions for the **Respiratory Care Program** in the Health Professions Department.

The **Program Director** must be responsible for all aspects of the program, including the organization, administration, continuous review, planning, development, and general effectiveness of the program. The Program Director should be willing to pursue ongoing formal training designed to maintain and upgrade his/her professional, instructional and administrative capabilities.

The **Program Director of Clinical Education** serves as a faculty member and is assigned appropriate didactic responsibilities. Teaching will be in the areas of organizing, administering, continuously reviewing, planning, developing, and the general effectiveness of clinical experiences for students enrolled in the Respiratory Care Program.

Applications will be reviewed beginning November 3, 2008, and will be accepted until position is filled (projected to begin summer semester, May 26, 2009).

For further information and application instructions, please visit www.umt.edu/jobs.

University of Montana is an AA/EOE/ADA/Veterans Preference Employer.



Computer Specialist I (two positions)

One position provides hardware and software support for College of Letters, Sciences, and Professional Studies and the other provides for College of Technology.

Administrative Associate III

Provide high level support in the curriculum development & review process, and submitting all revisions to the catalog in Banner and PageMaker.

Custodian

Clean campus offices, labs, classrooms, hallways, restrooms, and assigned areas as required.

For more information and to apply for the above position, visit www.mtech.edu/employment.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

People's Partners for Community Development, a grassroots Indian operated 501 (c)(3) corporation, is seeking a full-time Executive Director to lead a Native CDFI certification process and build capacity with prospective partners and donors. The successful candidate must possess a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Management, or Public Policy, or an equal amount of time of demonstrated leadership and administrative capability in the profit or non-profit arena, preferably dealing with economic/community development in rural and tribally controlled areas. A Masters degree is preferred. Salary Negotiable-DOE. Send letter of interest, resume and three letters of professional reference to: Barbara Braided Hair, Board Chair, PPCD, PO Box 955, Lame Deer, MT 59043. Letters must be received by: October 10, 2008.

JOB OPENING(S) IN THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION:

SYSTEMS ENGINEER (AIX/LINUX)

Location: HELENA
Job Status: Full Time Permanent
Salary: \$45,597 to \$68,395
Closing Date: 10/10/2008

SYSTEMS ENGINEER (WINDOWS)

Location: HELENA
Job Status: Full Time Permanent
Salary: \$45,597 to \$68,395
Closing Date: 10/10/2008



JOB OPENING(S) IN THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES

Location: HELENA
Job Status: Full Time Permanent
Salary: \$78,223 to \$94,527
Closing Date: 10/08/2008

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR/PLANNER

Location: HELENA
Job Status: Full Time Permanent
Salary: \$33,816 to \$42,270
Closing Date: 10/08/2008

Montana Department of Transportation



JOB OPENING(S) IN THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY SPECIALIST

Location: BILLINGS & GLENDALE
Job Status: Full Time Permanent
Salary: \$45,362 to \$48,851
Closing Date: 11/01/2008

The Montana Department of Transportation is currently hiring for **Temporary Maintenance Technicians** in many locations. These positions plow and sand roadways during snow events and, depending on weather conditions, clean and maintain roadways. If you are looking for temporary employment this winter, consider joining a team dedicated to the safety of the traveling public. For a complete listing of the available areas please visit us at www.mdt.mt.gov.

Other [job opportunities](#) at the Montana Department of Transportation

EVENTS & TRAINING

FREE COLLEGE PREP CLASSES FOR VETERANS

[Montana Veterans' Upward Bound](#) is offering free college prep classes for qualified military veterans throughout the state.

In Missoula, classes will be held at UM's College of Technology campus, located at 909 South Ave. W. Classes are offered in math, writing and basic computer skills. They will be held Monday through Thursday evenings. Start times vary from 5 to 7 p.m., and classes end no later than 9 p.m.

Orientation will take place from 5 to 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, in the COT Dining Room. A graduation ceremony will be held Wednesday, Nov. 19.

To register for classes at COT or to learn about Veterans' Upward Bound classes offered throughout Montana, go to the Veterans' Upward Bound Web site. For more information, call 877-356-8387 or 406-243-7812.

[NEOCOLONIAL INSCRIPTION AND PERFORMANCE OF AMERICAN INDIAN IDENTITY IN AMERICAN HIGHER EDUCATION](#)

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY KELLOGG CENTER SAVE THE DATE OCTOBER 16 & 17 2008

The conference will attempt to address and review issues of American Indian identity in higher education. Through this process, we hope to create and expand inter-community, inter-institutional and public dialogue on American Indians in higher education. The two day conference will examine key issues such as tribal sovereignty, faculty hiring, current university practices allowing self-identification, and explore who should represent American Indians in American Indian higher education programs and departments.

[TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT FEDERAL 'CROSS-DEPUTIZATION' TRAINING](#)

NCAI Annual Convention – Phoenix, AZ
Monday October 20-Tuesday October 21

The National Congress of American Indians, the Office of U.S. Attorney Troy A. Eid of Colorado, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Department of Justice & Regulatory Affairs, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs-Indian Police Academy are pleased to sponsor the second annual Criminal Justice in Indian Country: Tribal Law Enforcement/Federal Cross-Deputization training at NCAI.

GRANTS & OPPORTUNITIES

[HARVARD UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

Building on the success of the Harvard Financial Aid Initiative (HFAI), which eliminated the parental contribution from families earning \$60,000 or less, Harvard recently announced major financial aid enhancements to ensure greater affordability for middle- and upper-middle income families. Beginning in the 2008–09 academic year, parents with incomes of \$180,000 or less will be asked to contribute significantly less to the cost of a Harvard education. Additionally, home equity will no longer be considered in determining a family's ability to contribute and students will not be expected to take out loans, which will be replaced by need-based Harvard scholarship.

To learn more about the details of this initiative, ([click here: FAQs about the new initiative](#))

NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

[December 2007: Harvard announces sweeping middle-income initiative](#)

[March 2006: Harvard expands financial aid for low- and middle-income families](#)

MONTANA COWBOY HALL OF FAME SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR 2009 LEGACY AWARDS

Wolf Point - The Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame (MCHF) is seeking nominations for its second round of inductions for the 1860-1920 Legacy Awards to honor those historical figures that have had an impact on Montana's Western Heritage. One inductee from each of 12 districts across the state will become this class of the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame.

The first round of Legacy Awards, voted on by the MCHF Trustees in 2008, honored cowboys, cowgirls, establishments, organizations, outlaws and a horse. The 51 inductees served as the Foundational Members of the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame. Notable inductees include Sitting Bull, Evelyn Cameron, the N Bar N Ranch, Charles M. Russell, Plenty Coups, Granville Stuart, Nelson Story and Grant Kohrs. This year's nominees can be men, women, ranches, stage coach lines, animals, hotels—anything or anyone who made their mark in the state of Montana before 1920, no matter the year of death or closure. An unlimited number of nominations may come from within each District but only one will receive the honor.

If you would like to make a nomination, please contact your District Trustee Chairman (listed below) for instructions. Nominations must be received by November 1, 2008. All nominations must be approved by the District Chairman and will be forwarded to the MCHF Board of

Directors Trustee Committee in Wolf Point for final approval. The approved nominations will be compiled for a vote by the trustees at the 3rd Annual Trustees Gathering to be held at the Great Northern Best Western Hotel in Helena, February 7, 2009.

The MCHF Legacy Awards will be a non-ceremonial honor announced by press release no later than July 2009. Next of kin or an establishment representing the award recipient will receive a MCHF certificate.

For more information on the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame & Western Heritage Center or the Legacy Awards, please contact Christy Stensland at the MCHF&WHC by calling (406) 653-3800 or logging on at <http://www.montanacowboyfame.com>.

District Trustee Chairmen:

District 1 (Daniels, Phillips, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Valley Counties): Linda Nybakken, Nashua (406) 785-4341

District 2 (Dawson, Garfield, McCone, Prairie, Richland, Wibaux Counties): Charles Moline, Brockway (406) 485-2276

District 3 (Carter, Custer, Fallon, Powder River, Rosebud, Treasure Counties): Tami Jo Blake, Hysham (406) 342-5978

District 4 (Blaine, Choteau, Hill, Liberty Counties): Jim Leeds, Havre (406) 395-4220

District 5 (Cascade, Glacier, Pondera, Teton, Toole Counties): Shelley Lighter, Great Falls (406) 761-8851

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District 7 (Big Horn, Carbon, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Yellowstone Counties): Jim Overstreet, Big Timber (406) 932-4153 or Bonnie Voelz, Roberts (406) 445-2303

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District 9 (Gallatin, Meagher, Park Counties): Suze Bohleen, Wilsall (406) 578-2369

Districts 10 (Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, Sanders Counties): Wes Mapston, Arlee (406) 726-3396

District 11 (Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli Counties): Please call MCHF directly (406) 653-3800

District 12 (Deer Lodge, Beaverhead, Silver Bow, Granite, Madison, Powell Counties): Floydena Garrison, Glen (406) 835-2501

**ATTENTION ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS:
M.A./PH.D. RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY ON SIX
NATIONS TERRITORY**

The Jake Thomas Learning Centre is looking for another qualified graduate student to write a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation based on traditional knowledge in the Jake Thomas Archive, which has never before been studied comprehensively in any academic work. The result will be an original and scholarly project that approaches Hotinonshon:ni (Iroquois) studies from the inside, making use of indigenous knowledge systems and oral history/tradition.

**FY 2009 OUTREACH AND ASSISTANCE FOR
SOCIALY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS AND
RANCHERS**

The Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Competitive Grants Program (OASDFR) provides funds to organizations to conduct outreach and technical assistance to encourage and assist socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers to own and operate farms and ranches and to participate in agricultural programs. The OASDFR will support a wide range of outreach and assistance activities in farm management, financial management, marketing, application and bidding procedures, and other areas. The primary purpose of the OASDFR is to deliver outreach and technical assistance, to assure opportunities for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers to successfully acquire, own, operate, and retain farms and ranches; and assure equitable participation in the full range of USDA programs.

Closes: 12/12/08

GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE OCTOBER 3RD

In partnership with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, we are developing regional capacity and partnerships by providing grant money to organizations whose mission and program activities share and reflect the values of the Northern Plains Initiative (NPI).

The goal of our partnerships is to provide opportunities for further program and policy development with Rural Dynamics and the other partner organizations thereby building a collaborative network of entities whose work promotes our collective mission and vision.

Applications are due by October 3rd, 2008.

USDA

United States Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Marketing Service
Specialty Crop Block Grant Program
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=42939>

DOI

Department of the Interior
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
NAWCA U. S. SMALL GRANTS
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=42936>

DOT

U.S. Department of Transportation
DOT Federal Highway Administration
Northwestern Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP) Center for the Idaho, Montana (western), Oregon, and Washington Region Modification 3
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=42454>

DOC

Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration
Economic Development Assistance Programs Grant
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=42952>

HHS

Department of Health and Human Services
Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Adminis.
Knowledge Dissemination Conference Grants Program Announcement Modification 1
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=42848>